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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This paper is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination of the application referenced above. This paper is filed to amend the claims in the above-referenced application prior to examination on the merits. In response to a Final Office Action mailed on May 25, 2006, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending and amended claims in light of the following remarks. A fee of \$840.00 is required for the Request for Continued Examination. A one-month extension of time in the amount of \$120.00 is also believed to be necessary. A check in the amount of \$960.00 is enclosed to cover the request for continued examination filing fee and a one-month extension. In the event that any additional fees are required for the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge the required fees to CARSTENS & CAHOON, LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0392, as well as credit any overpayments to this deposit account.